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1. A group of textile workers and a committee from the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Ecuador (CTE), which included Modesto RIVERA Jarrin, prominent Communist labor leader, visited President VELASCO Ibarra on 6 March to ask him to intercede in their behalf with the managements of the textile mills "La Industrial", "La Victoria", and "Capur" to obtain better working conditions and increased pay and job security.
2. RIVERA stated that VELASCO informed the members of the group that their problem was not his problem; that he was not going to meet with any group of workers, least of all those connected with the CTE, "because they are nothing but agents of Communism" and that they should find their own solution.
3. After the meeting with VELASCO, CTE leaders attempted to persuade the workers of the three mills to go on strike. The leaders of the CTE confidently expected that strikes would take place in the mills sometime during the week of 9 March.
4. RIVERA added that CTE leaders hope that by creating discontent in the textile centers of the country, they will be able to create a "political atmosphere" which will hasten the downfall of VELASCO Ibarra.

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